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COMPLAINT 2021 – No. 8

In re Robert Bartlett

September 18, 2021

BOARD COUNSEL’S ORDER OF DISMISSAL – LACK OF JURISDICTION

I. NATURE OF COMPLAINT

The complaint was received on September 15, 2021. It alleges that Respondent was the legal representative of the Homeowners’ Association of the Polynesian Condominiums. As part of the sale of those condominiums, Complaint asked the Respondent for the disclosure of certain fees that appeared on his estimated closing document. The disclosure of those fees was never provided to Complainant.

II. DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

The authority of the Legislative Ethics Board is limited by RCW 42.52.320 which states in pertinent part as follows:

“(1) The legislative ethics board shall enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it with respect to members and employees of the legislature.”

The Respondent is not a member of the legislature nor is he employed as legislative staff.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Pursuant to RCW 42.52.425 and Legislative Ethics Board Rule 1.D., Board Counsel has the authority to dismiss this complaint. Board Counsel finds that there is no allegation that the Ethics Act (RCW 42.52) was violated by a legislator or legislative employee; therefore, the Board lacks personal jurisdiction over the Respondent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this complaint be dismissed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. Strus", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer A. Strus
Board Counsel

DATE: Sept. 20, 2021